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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Lloyd A. Gall

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 and 29-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-26,30 and 31 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 27 and 29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 March 2006 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

In response to the amendment-after Final filed on March 29, 2006, applicant should note that the amendment has been entered, and a new Final rejection is now set forth, since the immediately following paragraph was inadvertently not included in the last Final rejection.

This application contains claims drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: In the last two lines of paragraph [0046], it is not clear how the key surface 216 contacts the surface 70 as seen in fig. 3. If surface 216 contacts surface 70, the key would apparently not be able to engage the bottom of the pins 78 as seen in fig. 2.

Appropriate correction is required.

The drawing correction (REPLACEMENT SHEET) filed on March 29, 2006 is not approved, since the lead line for numeral 70 is now shown to be directed to the bottom of the pin, instead of a surface of the spring seat 62 referred to in the last sentence of paragraph [0046] of the specification.

Applicant's election with traverse of claims 27-29 in the reply filed on October 6, 2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is maintained by applicant in the last amendment filed on March 29, 2006, and is not found to be persuasive. The REMARKS are not persuasive in arguing why the different process referred to by the examiner in the restriction requirement may not be used. Rather, it is submitted that the REMARKS set

forth how the lock of the instant application is rekeyed, such as by unlocking the shear cylinders, thereby allowing them to move inside the lock cylinder to accommodate the different bitting on a second key, and relocking them in position in the lock cylinder. While this may be the way that the lock of the instant application is rekeyed, these remarks do not set forth why the lock cannot possibly be rekeyed in the manner set forth by the examiner. The examiner maintains his position that the lock of applicant is capable of being rekeyed by removing the cylinder and replacing its components.

In response to applicant's remarks in the third full paragraph of page 14, it is submitted that these remarks concerning surface 216 and surface 70 are moot, as the proposed drawing correction is not approved, for the reasons set forth in the fourth paragraph above.

Claims 27 and 29 are allowed.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

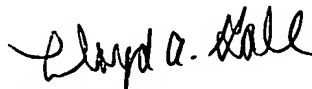
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lloyd A. Gall whose telephone number is 571-272-7056. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Glessner can be reached on 571-272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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